

Section 5.1 Socio-Demographic Profile of Nantucket County, MA

Latest Updates To Census 2000 Statistics:

Since the last official Census in early 2000, Nantucket has grown very considerably. How much, we don't know exactly. However, the U.S. Census Bureau has ventured a few guesses. Here are some official estimates.

Latest Nantucket County Total Population Estimate: (per U.S. Census Bureau)

2005 Nantucket County Total Population Estimate: 10,168 living in an estimated 4,290 households.

If true, this would mean a 6.8 percent net growth over the past five years and only a tiny increase from the 2004 Census Bureau estimate of 10,113..

Note 1: These are just estimates. We will most likely not have anything but estimates for Nantucket County until the 2010 Census.

Latest Nantucket County Poverty Rate Estimates: (per U.S. Census Bureau)

2003 Nantucket County Poverty Rate Estimates:

Persons of <u>all</u> ages in poverty	5.1%
Persons ages 0-17 in poverty	4.7%
Persons ages 5-17 in families in poverty	4.8%

Note that these groups are not defined identically to those shown in Table 5.1.7.

Latest Nantucket County Median Household Income Estimate: (per U.S. Census Bureau)

2003 Nantucket County Median Household Income Estimate: \$55,428

If true, this would mean a \$94 overall decrease in median household income over the three-year period, 2000-2003. See Note 1 above. This is an absurdity!

Latest Nantucket County Housing Unit Permit Estimate: (per U.S. Census Bureau)

2005 Nantucket County Housing Unit Permit Estimate: 260 Single Family Units

This is the total number of privately-owned residential housing units authorized by building permits in the year 2005 on Nantucket.

Latest Nantucket County Total Housing Unit Estimate: (per U.S. Census Bureau)

2004 Nantucket County Total Housing Unit Estimate: 10,042

If true, this would mean a 9 percent overall growth in the total (occupied and vacant/seasonal) housing units over that four year period. See Note 1 above.

Official Census 2000 Statistics:

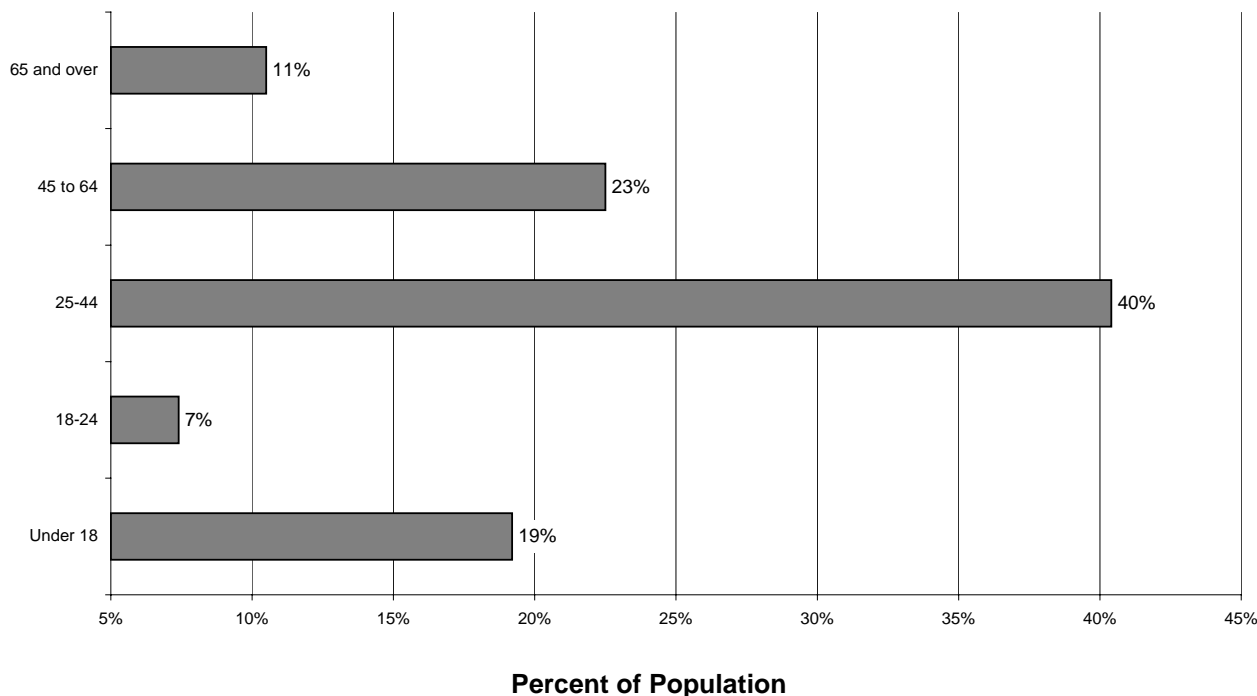
Population and Housing Profile: Nantucket County, Massachusetts

See U.S. Census Bureau notes at the end of this Section.

POPULATION OF Nantucket County: Latest Estimate for Year 2005 is 10,168 Persons

In 2000, Nantucket County had a household population of 9,520 – 4,636 (49 percent) females and 4,884 (51 percent) males. The median age was 36.7 years. Nineteen percent of the population was under 18 years and 11 percent were 65 years and older.

Table 5.1.1.a
Year 2000 Age Distribution:
All Persons in Nantucket County, MA in 2000



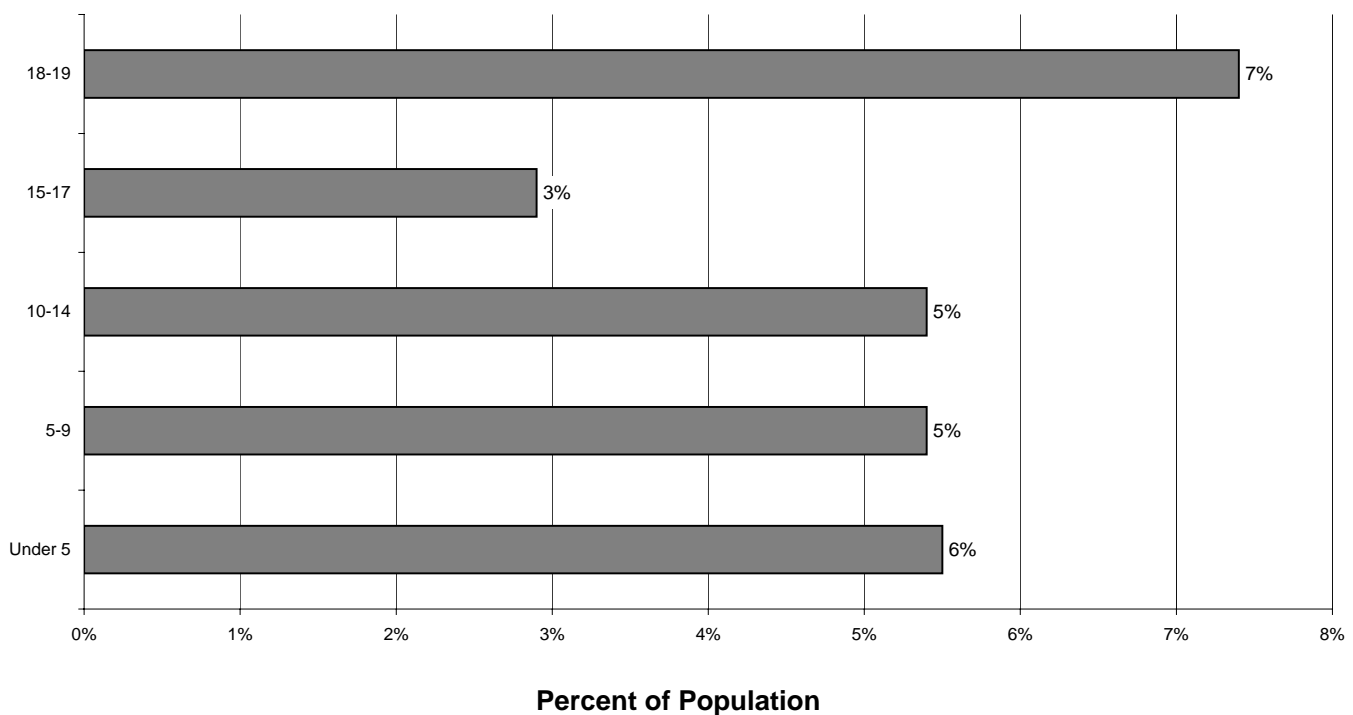
For people reporting one race, 88 percent were White Alone; 8 percent were Black or African American; 0.0 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native; 0.6 percent were Asian; a minuscule percentage were Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 1 percent were Some Other Race. About two percent reported Two Or More Races. Two percent of the people in Nantucket County reported being Hispanic. Eighty-seven percent of the people in Nantucket County were White Non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

POPULATION GROUPS:

The year 2000 population of Nantucket County (9,520) can be divided into three segments; young people (ages 0-17 years), young and middle-age adults (ages 18-54 years), and seniors/elders (age 55 and over).

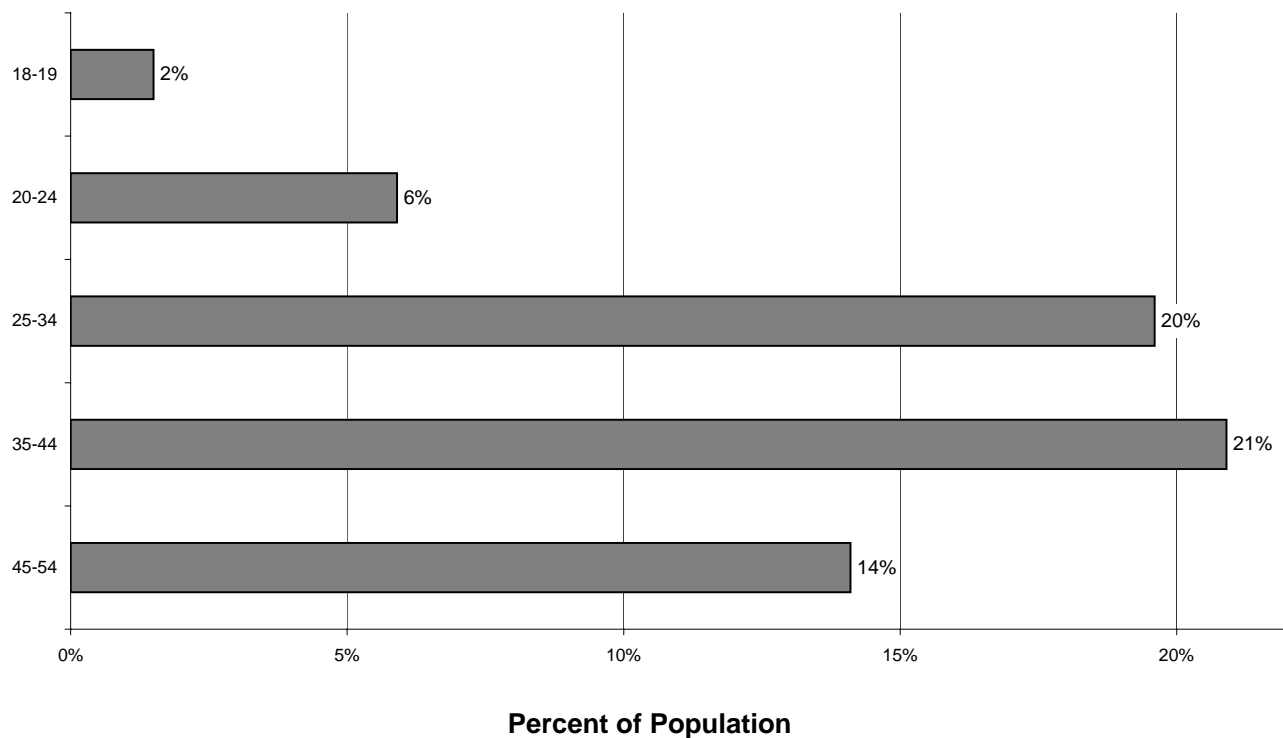
Population of Young People: In 2000, 1,828 persons age 17 or younger (“young people”) lived in Nantucket County (19 percent of the Island population). Of these, 525 were infants or very young children (ages 0-4 years), 511 were ages 5-9 years, and 792 were pre-teens or younger teenagers (ages 10-17)

Table 5.1.1.b
Year 2000 Age Distribution:
Younger Age Population of Nantucket County, MA



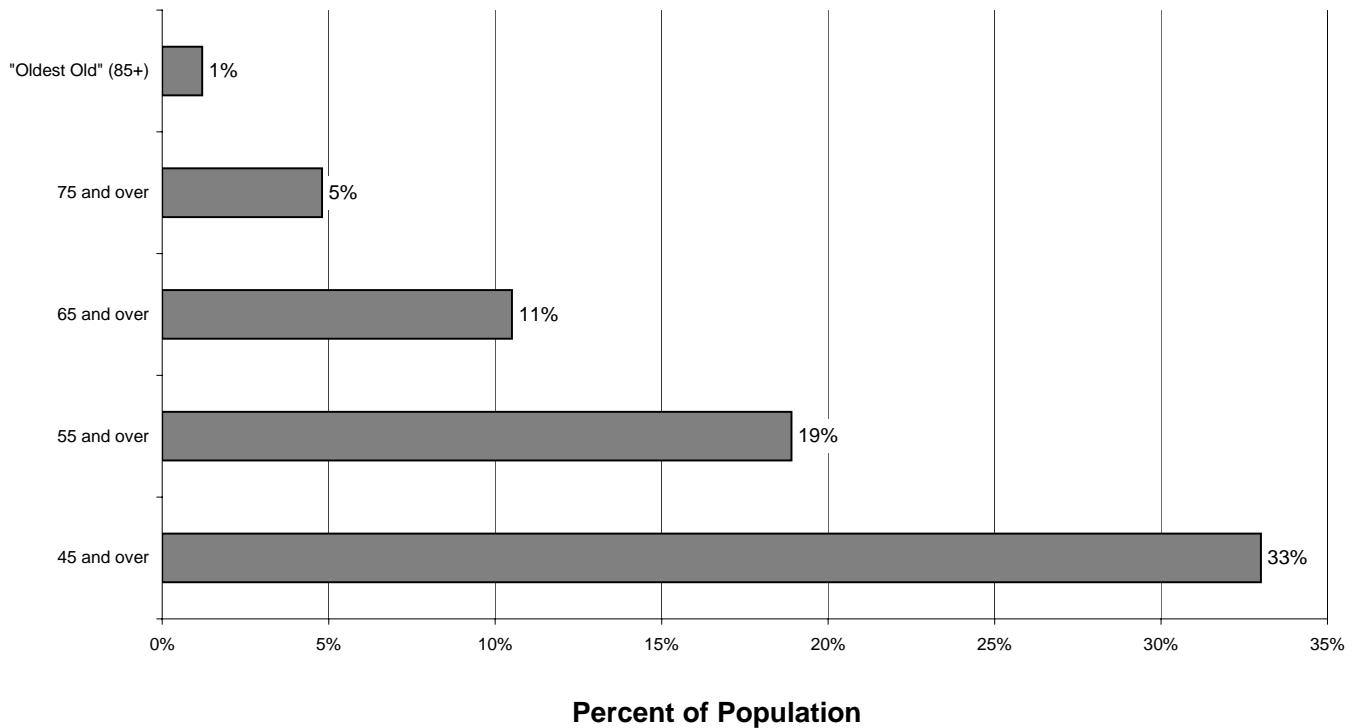
Young Adult & Middle-Age Population: In 2000, 5,898 persons ages 18-54 (young adults and middle-age) lived in Nantucket County (62 percent of the Island population). Fewer than 2 percent of Islanders were 18-19 years of age, twenty-six percent were ages 20-34 years, and thirty-five percent were ages 35-54.

Table 5.1.1.c
Year 2000 Age Distribution:
Young Adult & Middle-Age Population in Nantucket County



Population of Seniors and Elders: In 2000, 1,794 persons over age 55 lived in Nantucket County (19 percent of the Island population). About 800 were ages 55-64, 1,000 were age 65 or over, 457 were age 75 or over, and 113 were considered the “oldest old” (age 85+).

Table 5.1.1.d
Year 2000 Age Distribution:
Senior/Elder Population of Nantucket County, MA

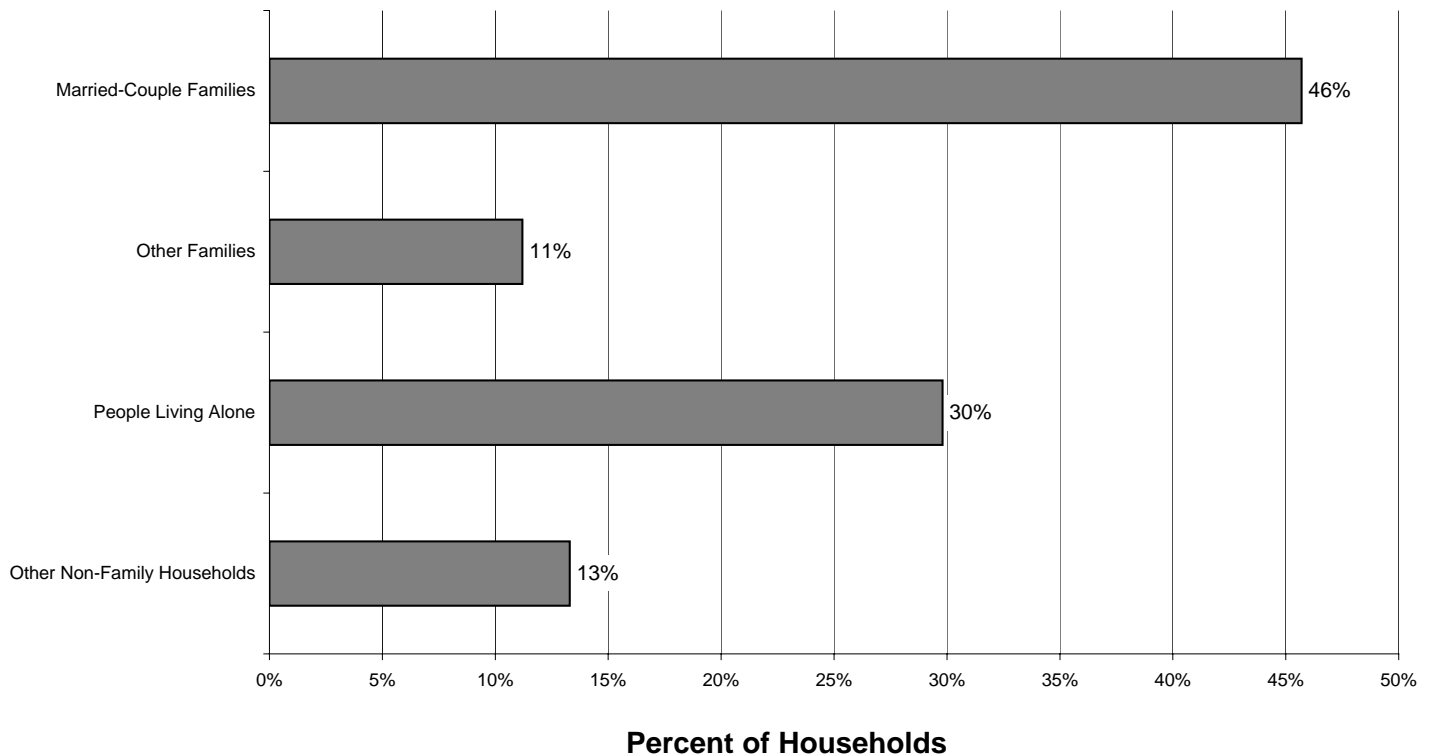


HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: Latest Estimate for Year 2005 is 4,290 Households

In 2000 there were 3,699 households in Nantucket County. The average household size was 2.37 people.

Families made up 57 percent of the households in Nantucket County that year. This figure includes both Married-Couple Families (46 percent) and Other Families (about 8 percent). Nonfamily Households made up 43 percent of all households in Nantucket County. Most of the Nonfamily Households were people living alone, but some were comprised of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

**Table 5.1.2
The Types of Households in
Nantucket County, MA in Year 2000**

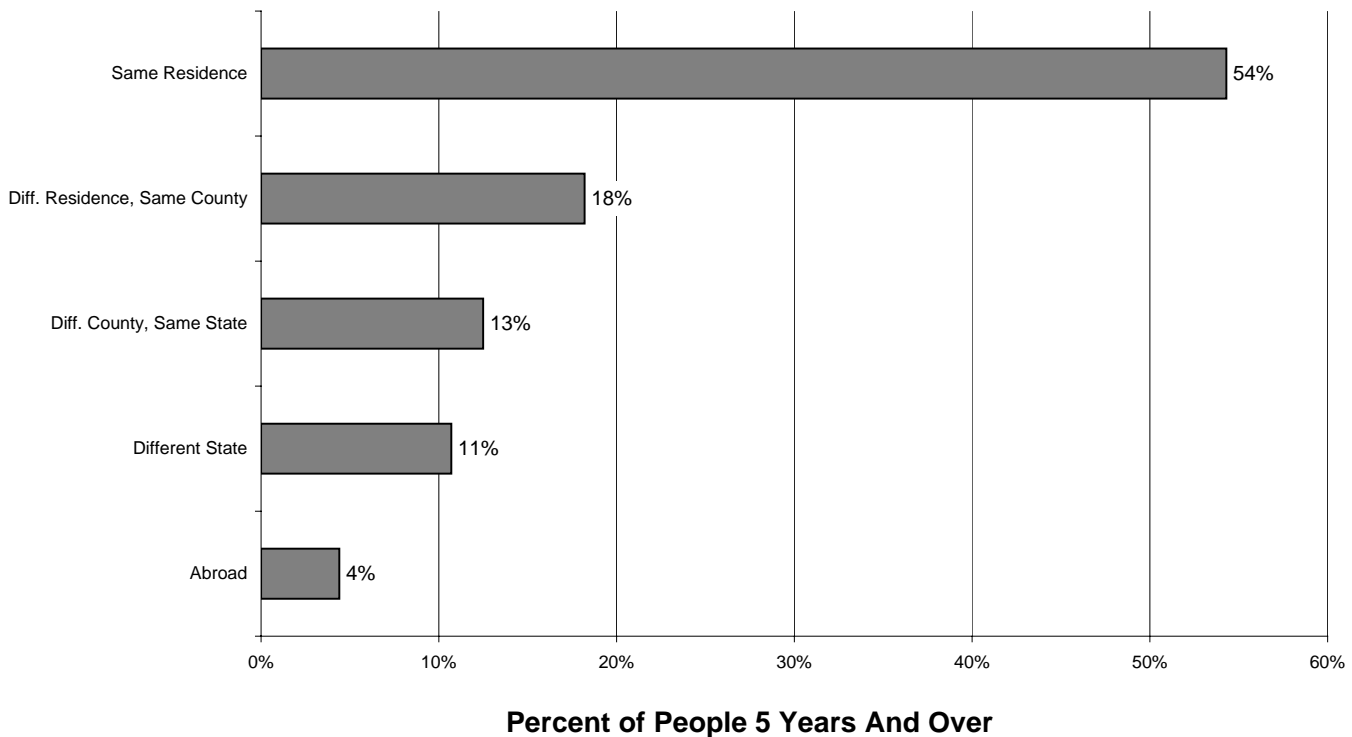


NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Eight percent of the people living in Nantucket County in 2000 were foreign born. Ninety-two percent were native, including 51 percent who were born in Massachusetts.

Among people at least five years old living in Nantucket County in 2000, 11 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Four percent (4%) reported that they did not speak English "very well. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 39 percent spoke Spanish and 61 percent spoke some other language;

GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY: In 2000, 54 percent of the people at least five years old living in Nantucket County were living in the same residence five years earlier; 18 percent had moved during the past 5 years from another residence in the same county, 13 percent from another county in the same state, 11 percent from another state, and 4 percent from elsewhere (abroad).

Table 5.1.3
Geographic Mobility Within Past 5-Years of
Residents of Nantucket County, MA at Year 2000

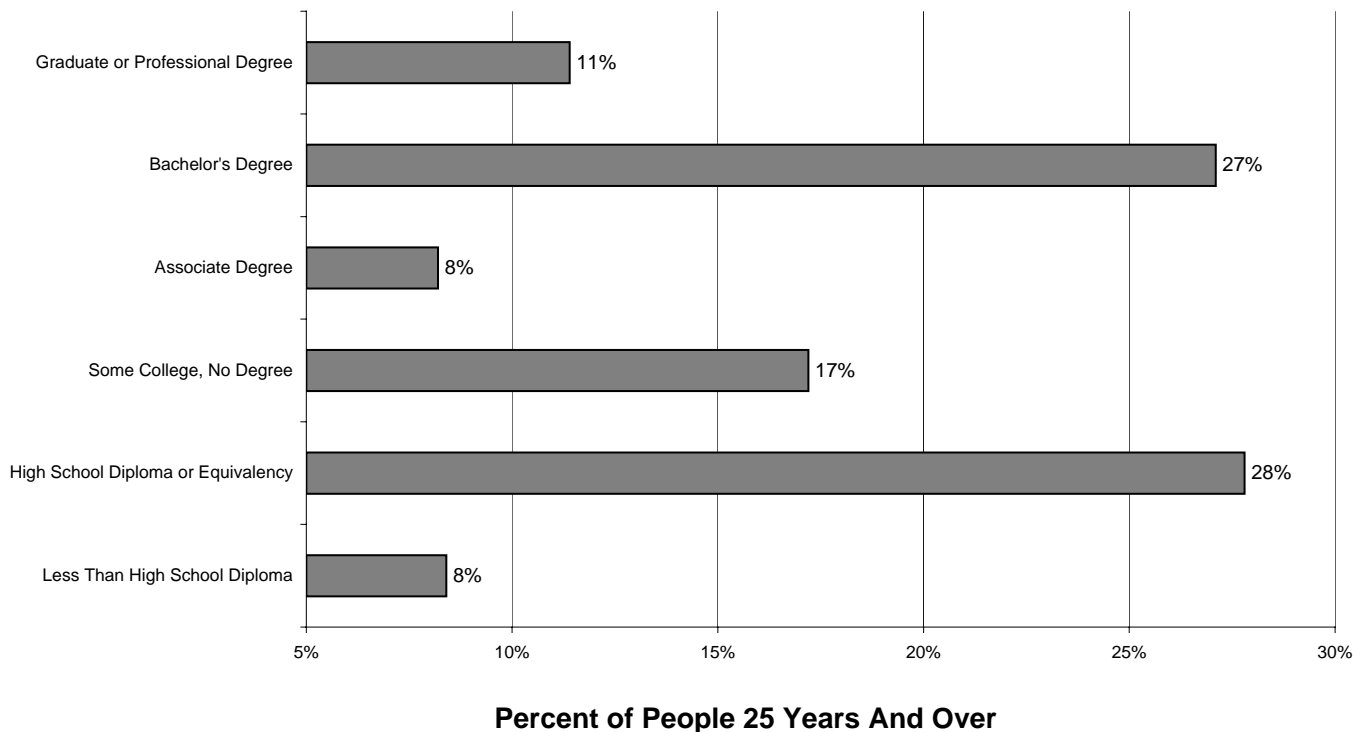


EDUCATION: In 2000, 92 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 38 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among people 16 to 19 years old, 6 percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: The 2005/2006 academic year total Nantucket public school enrollment is 1,243 [141 in pre-K and Kindergarten, and 444 in elementary, 270 in middle, and 388 in high school].

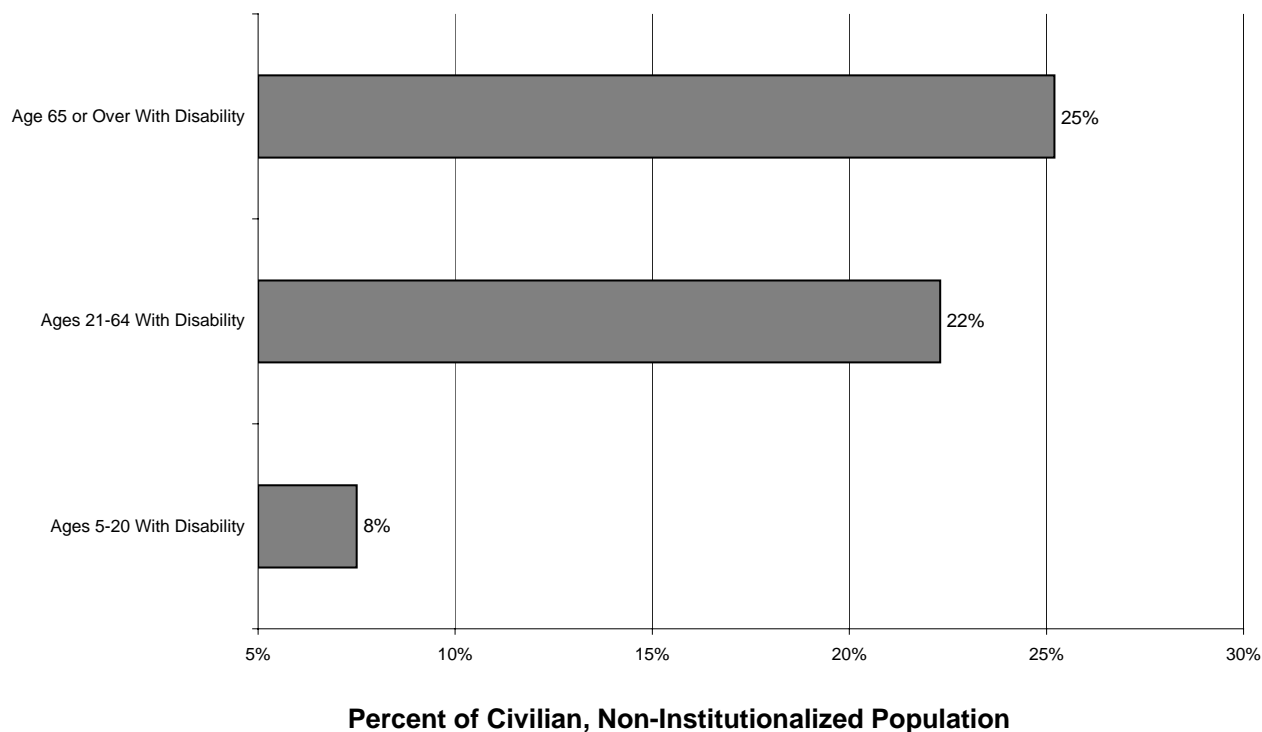
The total school enrollment in Nantucket County was 1,800 in 2000. Pre-Primary School enrollment was 269 and Elementary or High School Enrollment was 1,281 children. College Enrollment was 250.

Table 5.1.4
The Educational Attainment of People in
Nantucket County, MA in Year 2000 (highest level)



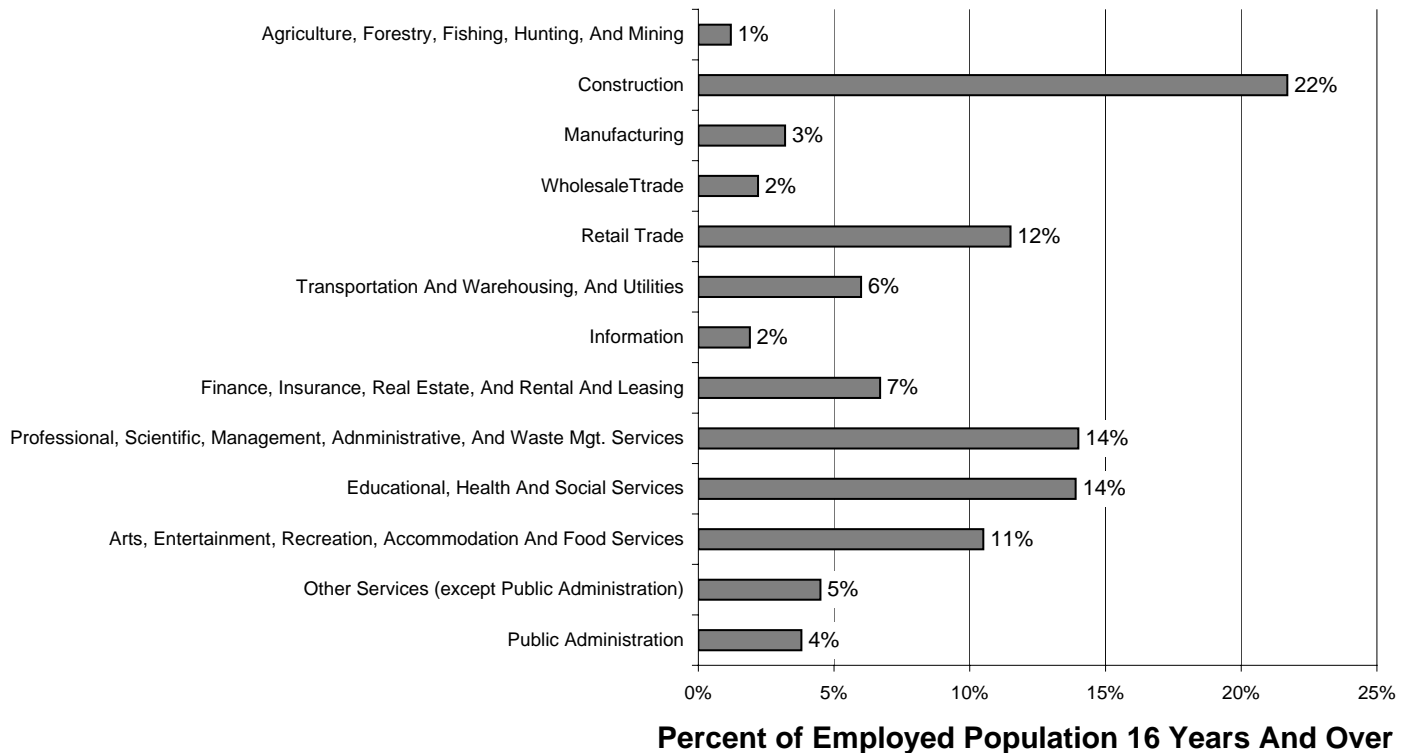
DISABILITY: In Nantucket County, among people at least five years old in 2000, 19 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age – from 8 percent of people 5 to 20 years old, to 22 percent of people 21 to 64 years old, and to 25 percent of those 65 and older.

Table 5.1.5
The Disability Status of People
in Nantucket County, MA in 2000



INDUSTRIES: In 2000, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Nantucket County were Construction, 22 percent, Professional, Scientific, Management, Administration, And Waste Management, 14 percent, Educational, Health, And Social Services, 14 percent, Retail Trade, 12 percent, and Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation And Food, 11 percent.

**Table 5.1.6
Employment By Industry
in Nantucket County, MA in 2000**



OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: Among the most common occupations were: Management, Professional, And Related Occupations, 30 percent; Sales And Office Occupations, 24 percent; Construction, Extraction, And Maintenance Occupations, 22 percent, and Service Occupations, 17 percent; and Production, Transportation, And Material Moving Occupations, 6 percent. Sixty-two percent of the people employed were Private Wage And Salary Workers; 12 percent were Federal, State, Or Local Government Workers; and 25 percent were Self-Employed.

TRAVEL TO WORK: Sixty-five percent of Nantucket County workers drove to work alone in 2000, 16 percent carpooled, 0.2 percent took public transportation, ten percent walked to work, and 3 percent used other means. The remaining 7 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 10 minutes to get to work.

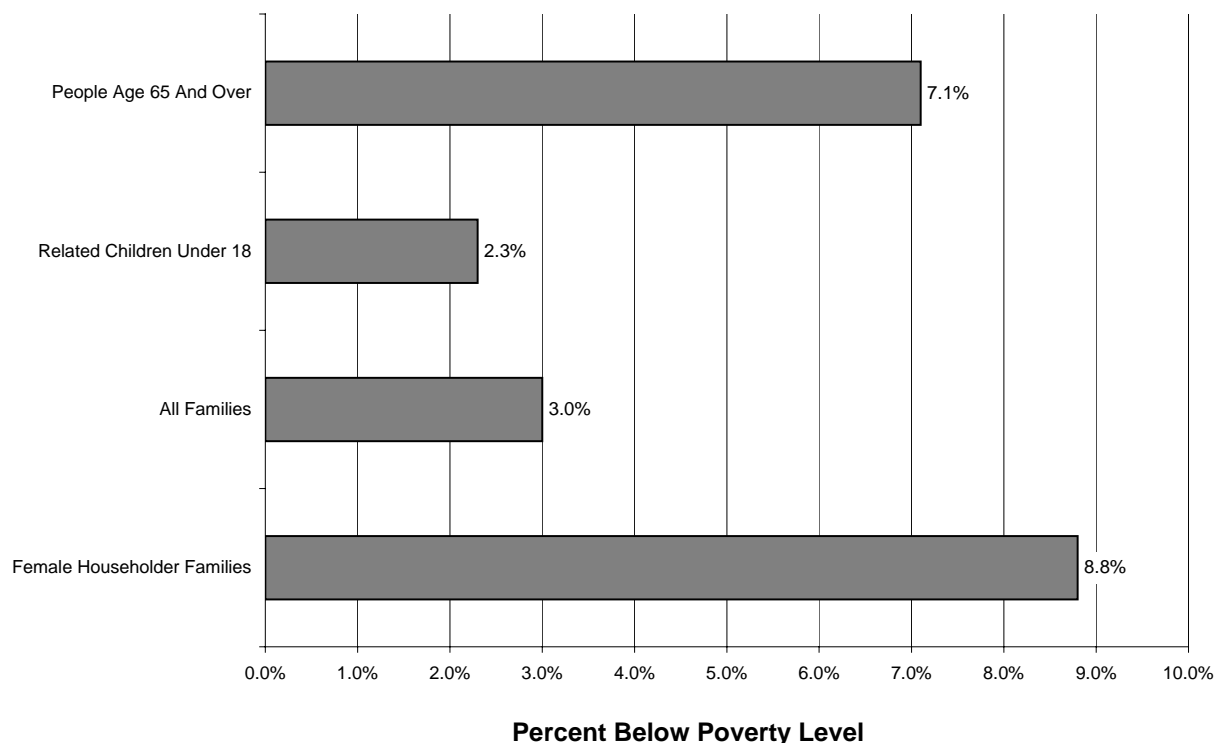
INCOME: Latest Median Household Income Estimate For Year 2003 is \$55,428.

In 1999, the median income of households in Nantucket County was \$55,522. Eighty-seven percent of the households received Earnings and 12 percent received Retirement Income other than Social Security. Twenty percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security in 1999 was \$10,644. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: Latest Poverty Rate Estimates for Year 2003 are 5.1% of all ages, 4.7% of persons age 0-17, and 4.8% of ages 5-17

In 1999, 8 percent of people were in poverty. Eight percent of Related Children Under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 7 percent of People 65 Years Old And Over. Three percent of all Families and 9 percent of Families With A Female Householder And No Husband Present had incomes below the poverty level.

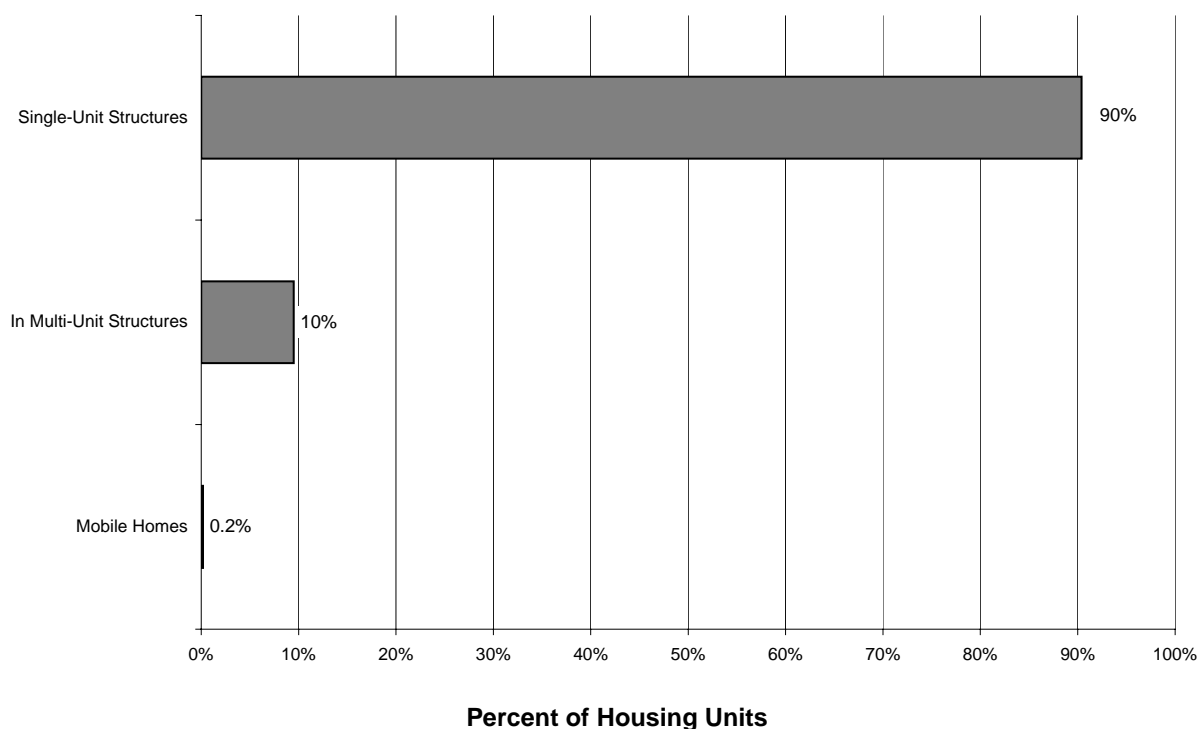
Table 5.1.7
Year 2000 Poverty Rates in Nantucket County, MA



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: Latest Estimate for Year 2004 is 10,042 total housing units in Nantucket County (includes both occupied and vacant/seasonal units).

In 2000, Nantucket County had a total of 9,210 housing units, 60 percent of which were Vacant. Of the total housing units, 90 percent were in Single-Unit Structures, 10 percent were in Multi-Unit Structures, and 0.2 percent (17) were Mobile Homes. Twenty-seven percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

Table 5.1.8
Year 2000 Types of Housing Units in
Nantucket County, MA



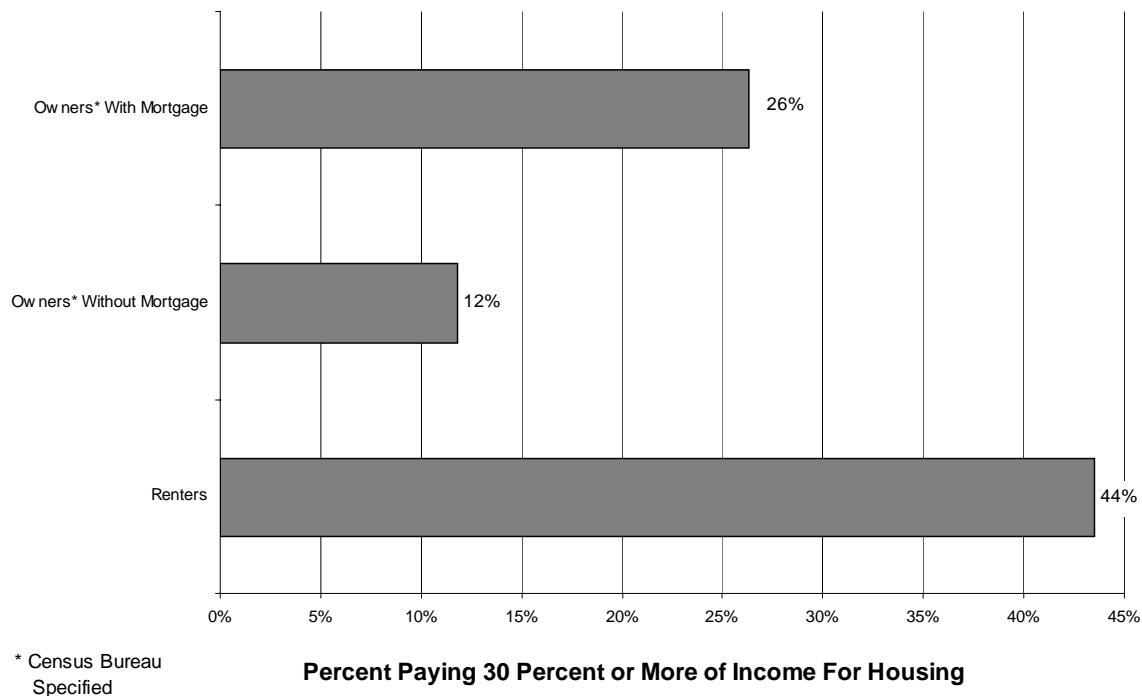
OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS: Latest (2005) estimate of occupied housing units in Nantucket County is 4,290.

In 2000, Nantucket County had 9,210 Occupied Housing Units – 2,334 (63 percent) Owner Occupied and 1,365 (37 percent) Renter Occupied. All of the households had telephone service. Five percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi-Vehicle Households were not rare. Thirty-eight percent had two vehicles and another 21 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: The Median Monthly Housing Costs for (Specified)* Mortgaged Owners was \$1,771, (Specified) Non-Mortgaged Owners \$422, and (Specified) Renters \$1,016. Twenty-six percent of Owners With Mortgages, 12 percent of Owners Without Mortgages, and 44 percent of Renters in Nantucket County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

* “Specified” is a certain Census Bureau category of homeowners.

Table 5.1.9
Occupants With a Housing Cost Burden
in Nantucket County, MA in Year 2000



U. S. CENSUS BUREAU, CENSUS 2000 NOTES:

The population estimates in this profile are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.

The U.S. Census Bureau notes that in a narrative profile such as this, if one sample estimate is larger than another, it does not necessarily mean that the same holds for their true values for the entire population. These estimates are derived from a sample of housing units and measure the true values with a degree of uncertainty. In the tabular profiles this uncertainty is represented by the 90 percent confidence interval given for each estimate. For further information on confidence intervals see the U.S. Census Bureau Accuracy of the Data document.

Further, the Bureau urges caution when comparing data by race for years before 1999 with those for 2000 and beyond due to the Census Bureau's implementation of the October 1997 revised standards for data on race and ethnicity. These data allow respondents to report one or more races and there are seven (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White, Some other race, and Two or more races) instead of five racial tabulation categories. The Two or more races category includes all respondents who reported more than one race. See the [U.S. Census Bureau] methodology section for more details regarding these changes.

Finally, the U.S. Census Bureau notes that caution should be used when comparing population numbers by age, race, and sex for 2000 with all earlier years. The numbers for 2000 have been weighted to be generally consistent with Census 2000 counts.

Detail may not add to totals due to rounding. Percentages are based on unrounded numbers

For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions relating to Census 2000 statistics and other U.S. Census Bureau data, go to the American Community Survey web site www.census.gov/acs/www/ and click on Advanced Methodology.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

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Note: A glossary of Census 2000 Terminology is provided in Appendix 4 of this Report.

